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SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Parishes of Acton Turville, Alderley, Badminton, Cold Ashton, Dodington, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton, Frampton Cotterell, Filton, Horton, Hawkesbury, Iron Acton, Little Sodbury, Marshfield, Pucklechurch, Sodbury, Stoke Gifford, Tormarton, Westerleigh, Wick & Abson, Wickwar, Winterbourne, Yate.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee

Cllr. A. J. Honeybourne

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Parishes of Bitton, Hanham Abbotts, Mangotsfield Rural, Oldland, Siston.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee

Cllr. A. W. Maggs

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Wards Chiphouse, Chase, Park, Woodstock, Forest, Hanham.

Chairman of the Public Health Committee

Cllr. E. F. Lucas

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District

Wards Downend, Soundwell, Mangotsfield.
Bromley Heath, Page, Staple Hill.

Chairman of the Housing and Health Committee

Cllr. Mrs. M. Springford

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

R. F. BARCLAY. M.B. B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.

The Medical Officer's duties are divided into two parts, 50% of each, one part comprising duties as District Medical Officer of Health to the four Districts named below, and for the other part he acts as Divisional Medical Officer to the Gloucestershire County Council, in the same area.

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT

Public Health Inspectors
J. H. E. Steele, M.A.P.H.I., CERT.R.S.H., CERT.I.P.H.E.
(Chief Public Health Inspector)
G. G. W. Fry, M.A.P.H.I.
(Senior Public Health Inspector)
S. F. Williams, M.A.P.H.I.
(Smoke Insp. Dip.)
J. W. M. Rivers, M.A.P.H.I.
(Smoke Insp. Dip.)
D. H. Davies, M.A.P.H.I.
(Smoke Insp. Dip.)
(until 6th July, 1973)

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT

Public Health Inspectors
L. J. Prosser, L.I.O.B., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H
(Chief Public Health Inspector)
N. R. Massey, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., C.S.I.B.
(Deputy)
B. A. Mills, M.A.P.H.I.
(Additional)

Technical Assistants
W. R. Parkinson
(Cert. Meat Inspection R.S.H.)
P. B. Young, A.R.S.H.
(Cert. Meat Inspection R.S.H.)

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT

Public Health Inspectors
David King, M.A.P.H.I.,
(Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer)
L. C. Harris, M.A.P.H.I.,
(Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector)
A. M. Lovell, BS.C., M.A.P.H.I.,
(Additional Public Health Inspector)

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

Public Health Inspectors
H. J. Bryant, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
R. J. Merrick, M.A.P.H.I., D.M.A.
(Smoke Insp. Dip.)

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE JOINT (M.O.H.) COMMITTEE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1973. This is the last of a long series. The concurrent reorganisation of Local Government and the National Health Service, due to take place on 1st April, 1974, will materially affect the nature and scope of any future reports, and the present publication serves only to complete a picture of the health and sanitary circumstances of South Gloucestershire during the past 70/80 years. Looking back through these records, a tremendous improvement in the services and conditions of the area is very evident, and one hopes, with some conviction, that as a result of the changed pattern of administration, and its different priorities, similar progress will be seen in the future.

In conclusion, and as the last holder of the post of Medical Officer of Health in the South Gloucestershire area, I must record my thanks to all those persons and agencies who have given their help and co-operation over the years, and without whom such progress as there has undoubtedly been, would not have been possible.

R. F. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health

To the Chairmen and Members.

Sodbury Rural District Council.

Warmley Rural District Council.

Kingswood Urban District Council.

Mangotsfield Urban District Council.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1973

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.
Area of District (acres)	69,173	8,860	1,530	1,469
Population (Registrar General's mid-year estimate)	71,210	24,760	30,450	23,000
Number of Inhabited Houses as at 31/3/ 73	22,495	7,879	10,112	8,152
Estimated Number of Void Houses as at 31/3/ 73	400	96	215	75
Rateable Value	£7,650,121	£2,121,946	£2,722,361	£2,152,555
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Year 1973-74)	£75,000	£21,050	£26,050	£20,740

ANALYSIS OF POPULATION CHANGES 1973

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	TOTAL
A. Total Births	1,313	271	491	275	2,350
B. Total Deaths	519	195	276	249	1,239
C. Natural Increase (Births minus deaths)	794	76	215	24	1,109
D. Registrar General's estimated change in population	+1,810	+500	−180	−130	+2,260
E. (D. — C.) (+ = Immigration — = Emigration)	+1,016	+424	−395	+106	+1,051

80 of the 2,350 live births were illegitimate. This represents 3.4% (The comparative figure for England and Wales is 8.0%).

POPULATION CHANGES (1964-73) SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA

Year	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	TOTAL
1964	2,610	550	540	180	3,880
1965	2,630	490	750	160	4,030
1966	2,800	340	260	—1,160	2,240
1967	1,950	130	60	—230	1,910
1968	2,550	40	460	70	3,120
1969	2,520	150	170	—40	2,800
1970	2,130	—70	610	—90	2,580
1971	1,040	200	450	−380	1,310
1972	2,110	170	230	−190	+2,320
1973	1,810	500	−180	130	+2,260
1964-73	22,150	2,500	3,350	−1550	+26,550

It will be seen that, in Kingswood U.D. for the first time in many years, there was a decline in population; that the main contributing district to the general increase in population was again Sodbury and that over the period reviewed the population of the South Gloucestershire area increased by 26,550.

BIRTH & DEATH RATES 1973

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	Combined Districts	England & Wales
RATES PER 1,000 HOME POPULATION	18.4(15.9)	10.9(11.7)	16.1(15.5)	12.0(14.3)	14.35(14.35)	13.7
Live Birth Rate						
Ratio adjusted : National Rate (Births)	1.15	0.85	1.13	1.04	1.04	
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION	7.3(10.5)	7.9(9.6)	9.1(12.1)	10.8(11.7)	8.7(10.7)	12.0
Ratio adjusted: National Rate (Deaths)	0.88	0.80	1.02	0.98	0.92	

The table above shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 population in each district. The Area Comparability factor (supplied by the Registrar General, and taking into account the age and sex distribution of the country as a whole), has been applied to the figures in brackets, and these "adjusted" rates can be compared one with another and with rates in other parts of the country. The ratios between them and the national rates are also shown.

It will be noted that for the combined districts, the Birth Rate is above and the Death Rate below the national figure. On the other hand the "adjusted" Birth Rate for Warmley is actually below and the "adjusted" Death Rate for Kingswood is above, the national figure.

INFANT DEATHS

	Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	TOTAL
NUMBER OF DEATHS under 1 year of age	14	1	5	1	21
NUMBER OF ABOVE					
occurring under 4 weeks of age	9	1	5	0	15
occurring under 1 week of age	7	1	3	0	11

It will be seen that the total number of infant deaths is 21 and that well over half of these (15) occurred under the age of four weeks. The Registrar General classified 16 of the deaths under the three categories Congenital Abnormality, Birth Injury or Difficult Labour, and Perinatal Mortality.

TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Sodbury Rural District	Warmley Rural District	Kingswood Urban District	Mangotsfield Urban District	Totals
ACUTE ENCEPHALITIS	—	—	1	1	2
ACUTE MENINGITIS	1	—	—	1	2
ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS	—	—	—	—	—
ANTHRAX	—	—	—	—	—
CHOLERA	—	—	—	—	—
DIPTHERIA	—	—	—	—	—
DYSENTRY (amoebic or bacillary)	3	—	4	—	7
INFECTIVE JAUNDICE	6	3	13	5	27
LEPTOSPIROSIS	—	—	—	—	—
MALARIA	—	—	—	—	—
MEASLES	87	56	18	29	190
OPTHALMIA NEONATORUM	—	—	—	—	—
PARATYPHOID FEVER	2	—	—	—	2
PLAGUE	—	—	—	—	—
RELAPSING FEVER	—	—	—	—	—
SCARLET FEVER	9	8	6	3	26
SMALLPOX	—	—	—	—	—
TETANUS	—	—	—	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS	—	—	3	—	3
TYPHOID FEVER	—	—	—	—	—
TYPHUS	—	—	—	—	—
WHOOPING COUGH	2	2	—	—	4
YELLOW FEVER	—	—	—	—	—
FOOD POISONING	8	5	1	5	19

TABLE SHOWING PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1973

	Cause of Death	Totals				
		Sodbury R.D.	Warmley R.D	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.	Totals
4.	Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	1	1	—	2
6.	Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects	1	—	—	—	1
10.	Streptococcal Sore Throat Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—
11.	Meningococcal Infection	1	—	—	—	1
14.	Measles	1	—	—	—	1
17.	Syphilis and its Sequelae	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	1	—	1	3
B19.	Malignent Neoplasm					
	(1) Buccal Cavity, etc.	2	1	—	2	5
	(2) Oesophagus	3	2	1	—	6
	(3) Stomach	12	2	7	8	29
	(4) Intestine	14	4	9	5	32
	(5) Larynx	—	—	1	1	2
	(6) Lung, Bronchus	30	15	16	17	78
	(7) Breast	9	2	5	4	20
	(8) Uterus	3	2	2	—	7
	(9) Prostate	10	3	2	3	18
	(10) Leukaemia	1	1	3	1	6
	(11) Other	31	7	20	17	75
20.	Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	3	—	—	1	4
21.	Diabetes Mellitus	6	3	2	2	13
22.	Avitaminosis	—	—	—	—	—
46.	(1) Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	3	—	—	1	4
23.	Anaemias	—	3	—	—	3
46.	(2) Other Diseases of Blood etc.	1	—	—	—	1
46.	(3) Mental Disorders	3	—	—	1	4
24.	Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—
46.	(4) Multiple Sclerosis	—	—	—	—	—
46.	(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	6	3	3	1	13
25.	Active Rheumatic Fever	—	—	—	—	—
26.	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	8	2	2	2	14
27.	Hypertensive Disease	11	6	4	6	27
28.	Ischaemic Heart Disease	156	43	72	86	357
29.	Other Forms of Heart Disease	15	3	16	9	43
30.	Cerebrovascular Disease	65	25	33	18	141
46.	(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	17	8	13	21	59
31.	Influenza	1	2	—	1	4
32.	Pneumonia	40	25	20	15	100

33.	(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	11	8	9	9	37
	(2) Asthma	1	—	—	1	2
46.	(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5	2	5	1	13
34.	Peptic Ulcer	2	4	3	1	10
35.	Appendicitis	—	—	1	—	1
36.	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	2	—	3	—	5
37.	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	1	—	—	2
46.	(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System	9	2	—	3	14
38.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	3	3	1	7
39.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	—	—	1	1	2
46.	(9) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	5	1	3	—	9
46.	(10) Diseases of Skin, subcutaneous tissue	—	—	—	—	—
46.	(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	3	1	3	2	9
41.	Complications of pregnancy etc.	—	—	—	—	—
42.	Congenital Anomalies	5	—	3	4	12
43.	Birth Injury. Difficult Labour, etc.	3	—	1	—	4
44.	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	—	—	—	3
45.	Symptons and Ill-defined Conditions	1	2	—	—	3
47.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	—	2	1	8
48.	All Other Accidents	4	4	3	1	12
49.	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	3	2	1	1	7
50.	All Other External Causes	2	1	—	—	3
	TOTAL	519	195	276	249	1239

Cancer (all forms) accounted for 278 deaths out of a total of 1,239. 78 were due to lung cancer, of which 58 were men (i.e. 72%).

There were 357 deaths from Coronary Thrombosis (No. 28 Ischaemic Heart Disease). 218 of these were men.

The three main causes of death, Cancer (No. 19), Cardiovascular conditions (No. 25 to 30 inclusive and 46 (6) and Respiratory Disease (31 to 33 plus 46 (7), alone account for 1,073 out of the 1,239 deaths.

Violent deaths numbered 27 of which 8 were due to road accidents, and 12 to other forms of accident.

It will be noted that there was one death from meningococcal meningitis, and one from measles. Both are unusual. The former occurred in a woman of early middle age, and the latter in a child under the age of five years.

INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS
NEW NOTIFICATIONS IN YEAR 1973
(excluding transfers)

RESPIRATORY

AGE GROUPS	Sodbury R.D.		Warmley R.D.		Kingswood U.D.		Mangotsfield U.D.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 4 weeks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 weeks and under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 4 years	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 34 years	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 54 years	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 - 74 years	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
75 years and over	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
TOTALS	4	3	1	—	1	1	—	—

NON-RESPIRATORY

Under 4 weeks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 weeks and under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 - 24 years	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
25 - 34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 - 54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 - 64 years	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 - 74 years	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 years and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—

The following tables are submitted at the request of the Ministry of Labour as required by Section 128(3) of the Factories Act, 1937.
The details listed under Table I will be clarified by reference to Table 2

SODBURY R.D.C.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	133	22	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	134	23	2	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedies	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases prosecuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	2	—	2	—

OUTWORK (Section 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—

WARMLEY R.D.C.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	63	46	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	21	21	—	—
TOTAL	86	69	2	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedies	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases prosecuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	2	—	—	—

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Wearing apparel, Making, etc.	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	3	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	87	2	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	6	—	—	—
TOTAL	100	3	—	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedies	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases prosecuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not included offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	—	—	1	—

OUTWORK (Section 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel, Making, etc.	5	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	5	—	—	—	—	—

MANGOTSFIELD U.D.C.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	7	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	18	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	5	5	—	—
TOTAL	56	30	—	—

(2) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedies	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases prosecuted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Convenience (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not included offences relating to outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	4	—	—	—

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Wearing apparel, Makings, etc.	4	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	—	—	—	—	—

SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AREA

The Bristol Waterworks Company is the statutory water supplier for the whole of the area. All sources provide water of varying degrees of hardness, none possesses plumbo solvent properties, and the fluoride content varies from 0.4 to 0.1 parts per million (well below the level (1 part per million recommended for the prevention of dental decay).

Number of Domestic Supplies and Population Served

	Sodbury R.D	Warmley R.D.	Kingswood U.D.	Mangotsfield U.D.
Number of Domestic Supplies Direct	24,030	8,459	10,942	8,775
Population Served Direct	71,155	24,740	30,450	23,000

There were a few complaints concerning discolouration of the supply due to the presence of iron deposits. Arrangements were made by the Company to flush out the service pipes concerned.

MAINS LAID IN 1973
(Length in Metres)

Authority	3″	4″	6″	8″	10″	100mm	150mm	12″	18″	24″
Kingswood U.D.C.	13	263	—	110	—	292	—	—	—	—
Mangotsfield U.D.C.	—	234	—	—	—	230	166	—	—	—
Sodbury R.D.C.	39	4886	3319	940	—	1143	78	803*	206*	—
Warmley R.D.C.	18	401	25	360	18*	325	56	5*	—	2105
TOTALS	70	5784	7009	1422	18	2017	300	808	206	2105

SODBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year ending 31st December, 1973 the undermentioned schemes were completed:

RAM HILL, WINTERBOURNE: Foul Sewer Extension
FILTON TO WINTERBOURNE: Relief Sewer (Stage 1)
STANSHAWES: Relief Sewer
ENGINE COMMON: Foul Sewer Extension
WATLEYS END (Winterbourne): Storm Water Relief Sewer

The following schemes were commenced during 1973 and construction is continuing into 1974:

FILTON TO WINTERBOURNE: Relief Sewer (Stage 2)
STOVER ROAD (Yate): Storm Water Relief Sewer

The undermentioned schemes are in the design stage:

CHIPPING SODBURY: Relief Sewer
DYRHAM & HINTON: Sewerage and Sewerage Disposal
HILLESLEY & ALDERLEY: Foul Sewer
PUCKLECHURCH: Surface Water Relief Sewer
KIDNEY HILL, WESTERLEIGH: Foul Sewer Extension
HARRY STOKE: Foul Sewer Extension
SODBURY ROAD, WICKWAR: Foul Sewer Extension

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

No. of Premises	371
No. of Premises fitted to comply with Regulations 18	371
No. of Premises to which Regulation 21 applies	357
No. of Premises fitted to comply with Regulation 21	357

Category	No. of Premises	No. Complying with Reg. 18	N. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies	No. complying with Reg. 21
Catering Establishments (including schools, canteens, pubs, cafes, factory canteens	142	142	142	142
Food Factories	1	1	1	1
General Provision Shops	118	118	118	118
Confectionary Shops and Bakehouses	59	59	45	45
Fish Friers and Wet Fish Shops	20	20	20	20
Butchers and Cooked Meat Shops	31	31	31	31

(Section 18 refers to the provision of wash hand basins and Regulation 21 to facilities for washing food and equipment).

SALE OF ICE CREAM

The number of premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream was 242 showing an increase of 2 over the figure for last year:—

Registered Premises

Sale of Ice Cream	242
Manufacture of Ice Cream	1
Meat Products	42

The activities of mobile salesmen were kept under surveillance and no action for any infringement was found to be necessary.

FOOD COMPLAINTS

During the year 25 complaints were received. Of this number 8 related to milk supplied, 4 being in respect of foreign bodies in the milk, 4 regarding dirty milk bottles. 17 complaints were made regarding unfit and foreign bodies in food stuffs, 6 successful prosecutions were undertaken. With regard to the remainder, warning letters were sent to the offenders since they were first offences.

FOOD CONDEMNED

(a) *Canned Goods*

Meat and meat products	1,771 cans
Fruit and fruit juices	973 cans
Milk and milk products	41 cans
Vegetables	2 cans
Fish	268 cans
Poultry	23 cans

(b) *Meat Condemned other than at a Slaughterhouse*
55 lbs. various meats

(c) *Fresh Fruit and Vegetables*
354 cases Tomatoes

(d) *Frozen Foods*
2,672 assorted packets

(Food Condemned—contd.)

(e) *Miscellaneous*

50 dozen Eggs	Decomposition
1 loaf of bread	Unpalatable
12 packets Lemon Meringue Pie	Damaged
31 bottles Powdered Milk	,, ,,
17 packets Dried Milk	,, ,,
10 custard pies	,, ,,
24 apple pies	,, ,,
16 trifles	,, ,,
2 bags of flour	,, ,,
15 jars of meat extract	,, ,,
4 bags of rolled oats	Unpalatable
103 cases of porridge oats	,, ,,
21 lbs. of powdered cream	,, ,,

MEAT INSPECTION

There are five slaughterhouses in operation in the area and a 100% meat inspection is maintained.

Thanks again should be given to the staff of the Department of Preventive Medicine, Canynge Hall, Bristol for their invaluable co-operation during the past year.

The appended table gives details of the examination and inspection of carcasses together with the percentage of meat condemned:—

Sodbury Rural District Council

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	620	11	8	2763	2293	—
Number Inspected	620	11	8	2763	2293	—
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	1	5	—
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	25	—	1	1	31	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.03%	0.0%	12.5%	0.07%	1.57%	—
Tuberculosis Only						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Total Number of Animals killed 5,695
Total Amount of Meat Condemned 826 lbs.

HOUSING

Unfit Houses

During the year notices of Time and Place were served in respect of 11 houses and resulted in 4 Demolition Orders, 6 Closing Orders, and 1 Undertaking. This makes a total of 407 houses which have received action under the Council's Unfit Houses Programme.

The following table indicates the houses dealt with during the year:

Chipping Sodbury	1
Hawkesbury	1
Iron Acton	1
Pucklechurch	1
Tormarton	1
Winterbourne	5
Yate	1

SUMMARY

(a) Clearance Areas

(b) Individual Dwellings Made Fit

No. of dwellings the subject of Demolition Orders	4
No. of dwellings the subject of Closing Orders and Undertakings	7

(c) Individual Dwellings Made Fit

(i) Under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act	6
(i) Following formal public health action	24
(iii) Following formal action by local authority	31

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(a) Discretionary Grants

No. of applications received	149
No. of applications approved	140
No. of grants paid	123
Amount (£)	£88,465.00

(b) Standard Grants

No. of applications received	29
No. of applications approved	28
No. of grants paid	27
Amount (£)	£5,224.00

NEW HOUSES ERECTED

(a) No. of houses erected by local authority (of which 50 were for old persons)	97
(b) By private development	448

RENT ACT 1957

(a)	No. of applications received	—
(b)	No. of certificates of disrepair issued	—

HOUSING ACT, 1969

(a)	Improvement Cases	
	No. of applications for Qualifications Certificates under section 44 (2) under consideration at end of period	—
	No. of Certificates of provisional approval issued	13
	No. of Qualification Certificates issued under section 46(3)	5
(b)	Standard Amenities already provided	
	No. of applications for Qualification Certificates under section 44(1) under consideration at end of period	—
	No. of Qualification Certificates issued under section 45(2) in respect of:—	
	(i) dwellings with rateable value of £90 or more in Greater London or £60 or more elsewhere	4
	(ii) dwellings with rateable value of £60 to less than £90 in Greater London or £40 to less than £60 eleswhere	2
	(iii) dwellings with rateable value of less than £60 in Greater London or less than £40 elsewhere	2
(c)	Exemption for low-income tenants from Section 54	
	No. of Certificates issued under Section 55	—

CARAVAN SITES

There are seven multiple sites in operation, of these two are seasonal with accommodation for forty-one caravans and the remaining five sites have a total of 198 permanent residential caravans.

The Council's site at Clay Lane, Little Stoke, which accommodates 58 caravans continues to be fully occupied and there is a considerable waiting list.

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Due to the development of the district the volume of work carried out by this section shows a considerable increase over last year. One of the more noticeable features were complaints regarding wasps nests and infestation by such insects as ants etc., although it is not customary for the authority to treat in such circumstances, treatment is carried out in more difficult cases and where old age pensioners are concerned.

The following tables give details of the work carried out under the Act and have been compiled in a manner laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food.

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	22,149	746
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	2,020	200
b. Number infested by		
(i) Rats	600	158
(ii) Mice	300	80
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	230	50
(i) Rats	55	22
(ii) Mice	70	24

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During the year 38 new applications for registration were received and these are categorised as follows:—

Offices	15
Retail Shops	18
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	4
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	1

The total number of premises now registered is:—

Offices	105
Retail Shops	218
Warehouses	25
Catering Establishments	29

During the year under review 81 inspections were carried out and the following table shows the number of registered premises which received a general inspection during the year:—

Offices	6
Retail Shops	62
Warehouses	10
Catering Establishments	3

ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR

Cleanliness	1
Washing Facilities	1

REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Fatal	Non Fatal	Total Investigated
Offices	—	—	—
Retail Shops	—	10	10
Wholesale Shops & Warehouses	—	6	6
Catering Establishments open to public	—	—	—

ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering Establishments
Falls of persons	—	2	2	—
Stepping on or striking against object or person	—	3	—	—
Handling goods	—	1	2	—
Struck by falling object	—	1	1	—
Use of hand tools	—	2	—	—
Machinery	—	1	1	—

REMARKS:—No prosecutions were made during the year due to the good co-operation of all concerned.

All sixteen cases were investigated and advice given.

CLEAN AIR ACTS, 1956/68

During the year only one complaint was received regarding the emission of dark smoke and another relating to dust from quarry operations, both these complaints were dealt with informally.

7 large furnace installations were approved.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

The number of complaints of noise nuisance has shown a marked increase during the past year. These complaints range from barking dogs, pop music, noisy neighbours and, in a few cases, industrial causes.

Whilst the majority have been dealt with informally to the complainants' satisfaction, it was necessary to institute procedings in one industrial case.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS VISITS, ETC.

Housing Act Inspections	696
Housing Act Reinspections	358
Public Health Act Inspections	886
Public Health Act Reinspections	260
Slaughterhouses	491
Dairies	1
Shops	4
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	81
Ice Cream Premises	2
Food Hygiene Inspection	313
Food Inspection	215
Restaurant Kitchens	81
Bakehouses	27
Drainage	166
Sewage Works	8
Moveable Dwellings	178
Storage of Petroleum	111
Factories	22
Mortuary	7
Infectious Disease	110
Places of Entertainment	1
Public Conveniences	330
Refuse Tips	65
Water Supply	73
Noise Abatement Act	251
Atmospheric Pollution	160
Samples of Water	13
Sample of Sewage	2
Animal Boarding Establishments	10
Scrap Metal Dealers	3
Pet Shops	14
Rodent Control Inspections	1,359
Rodent Control Reinspections	867
Sewer Baiting	225
Swimming Pools	2
Miscellaneous	169
Path. Lab.	7
Total	7,570

WARMLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A serious public health nuisance at The Firs and The Willows, Siston Common, has been eradicated by the provision of main sewerage.

A pumping station and pumping main has been provided at The Grange School, Warmley, to alleviate the problems of surcharge and flooding.

Bitton Phase 2 Surface and Stormwater Drainage has been completed at Bitton Village.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

A scheme is in operation whereby cesspools in non-sewered areas are serviced twice per year free of charge, subject to certain limitations.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1970

Category	No. of Premises	No. complying with Reg. 18	No. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies	No. Complying with Reg. 21
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS: (Including school canteens, cafes, factory canteens, public houses).	50	50	48	48
FOOD FACTORIES	3	3	3	3
GENERAL PROVISION SHOPS	36	36	33	33
CONFECTIONARY SHOPS & BAKEHOUSES	17	17	5	5
FISH FRIERS & WET FISH SHOPS	2	2	2	2
BUTCHERS & COOKED MEAT SHOPS	8	8	8	8

(Regulation 18 refers to the provision of wash hand basins and Regulations 21 to facilities for washing food and equipment).

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 (SECTION 16)

(a)	For the manufacture and sale of sausages, cooked meats, etc.:	
	Butchers:	5
(b)	Sale of ice-cream:	48

CONDEMNED FOOD

Unfit food is dealt with by voluntary surrender and, with the exception of condemned meat, is disposed of by deep burial at the refuse tip.

Condemned meat is dealt with by animal waste processors.

MEAT INSPECTION

The full time meat inspection service has been maintained with controlled hours of slaughter.

The very substantial throughout gives rise to inspection problems, and it is likely that consideration will have to be given in the forseeable future to increasing the meat inspection establishment.

Warmley Rural District Council

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemened in whole or in part

	Cattle Steers & Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	7164	672	151	20999	48547
Number Inspected	7164	672	151	20999	48547
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	9		2	10	130
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2,893		4	2,416	11,302
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	35.51		1,987	11.55	23.55
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcasses condemned	—		—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—		—	—	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—		—	—	0.0062
Cysticercosis					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5		—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	5		—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—		—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticercosis	0.064		—	—	—

NUMBER OF CATTLE RECEIVED UNDER THE TUBERCULOSIS (SLAUGHTER OF REACTORS) ORDER, 1950

CONDEMNED: Meat affected with Tuberculosis: 40 lbs. Meat other disease and conditions: 19,869 lbs.

HOUSING

Clearance Areas

Unfit houses dealt with by Clearance Orders	—
Unfit houses purchased by agreement:	

Individual Unfit Houses

(a) Houses dealt with by Demolition Orders	—
(b) Houses closed in pursuance of an Undertaking given by the owners under Section 16	—
(c) Part of buildings closed (Section 18):	—
(d) Closing Orders made	4

Properties Rendered Fit

Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit during the year as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Public Health and Housing Acts	36
Demolition Orders revoked	—
Closing Orders revoked	—

Rent Act, 1957

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	—

New Houses Erected

(a) Total number erected during the year:	
Council	NIL
Private Enterprise	168
(b) Number of houses under construction but not completed at the end of the year:	
Council	26
Private Enterprise	123
(c) New houses erected during the year with state assistance under the Housing Act	NIL

Grants

(a) *Improvement Grants*	
Number of applications received during the year	94
Number of applications approved	71
Payments made	£49,753
(b) *Standard Grants*	
Number of applications received during the year	12
Number of applications approved	8
Payments made	£2,108

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There is one large, and a number of small, permanent residential sites in the District, which are maintained in reasonable condition. Informal action has been taken where necessary to deal with minor infringements of site licence conditions.

There has been no further news from Council level about the proposed gypsy encampment at Howsmoor Lane, Mangotsfield.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The whole District is now served by means of a weekly "back door' type collection, principally using the continental dustless (Zoller) system. Disposable sacks are used in small outlying areas, and all receptacles are provided by the Council as a rate borne charge.

Bulk refuse is collected weekly on request, free of charge, and residents are provided with free facilities for tipping refuse.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Domestic refuse is processed at the pulverisation plant at Carsons Road, Mangotsfield, which also handles the crude domestic refuse from Kingswood and Mangotsfield Urban Districts The entire output from the plant is tipped at the Claypits Tip, Tower Road North, Warmley.

General operations of the tip has been satisfactory, and routine measures have been taken to deal with mal-odours, flies and rodents. Because of the high tipping level reached, site water is no longer a major problem.

The Claypits site at Tower Road North has been completed, tipping is now in progress at Shortwood Tip.

South Gloucestershire Refuse Disposal Committee

Amount of refuse received:—

Kingswood U.D.C.	6,581	4	3	14
Mangotsfield U.D.C.	5,255	15	1	21
Warmley R.D.C.	5,012	1	1	21
Total	16,849	1	3	0

Salvage: Tins 331 Tons 13 Cwts. 3 Qtrs. 7 lbs.
Quantity up in the year by 250 — 300 tons.

The tip at the Claypits, Warmley was filled by the end of December, 1973, and the new tip at Shortwood was opened up.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council maintain a free service for domestic premises and a rechargeable service for business and agricultural premises. Fixed price contracts, renewable annually, continue to be popular with commercial and agricultural undertakings.

Mice are still the most difficult pest to eliminate; the only effective method to deal with them is to use all the rodenticides available, but as always prevention is better than a cure.

Sewer test baiting has continued as a matter of routine.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949
REPORT ON RATS AND MICE:

Properties other than Sewers		Type of property Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1.	Number of properties in District	7975	105
2a.	Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	297	19
2b.	Number infested by:		
	(i) Rats	137	18
	(ii) Mice	175	10
3a.	Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	323	53
3b.	Number infested by:		
	(i) Rats	62	27
	(ii) Mice	68	30

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	1	14	12	121
Retail Shops	—	45	45	184
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	5	5	63
Catering establishments	3	7	7	44
Total	5	71	69	412

AIR POLLUTION

Informal action has been taken, as and when necessary to deal with episodes of pollution.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS, ETC.

Dwelling House (Public Health Act)	102
Dwelling House (Housing Act)	61
Improvement Grants	305
Refuse	1860
Food Premises (Registered)	72
Food Premises (Unregistered)	106
Bakehouses	15
Factories (Non-Mechanical)	3
Factories (Mechanical)	51
National Assistance Act, 1948	—
Clean Air	61
Drainage	102
Tents, Vans and Sheds	101
Keeping of Animals	58
Food Inspection	361
Meat Inspection	(Full Time Inspection)
Sites	38
Water Supplies	26
Infectious Disease Enquiries	321
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	121
Food Sampling	51
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	921
Rodent Control	1003
Disinfestation (Other Pests)	126
Meetings and Conferences	260
Health Education	21
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	74
All Other Matters	562

KINGSWOOD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

A new foul sewer was constructed in Dyrham Road to replace the old sewer which had been subject to recurrent blockages.

A new storm water sewer was constructed in the Walnut Crescent area to relieve local flooding

REFUSE COLLECTION

Existing arrangements were continued and domestic refuse, other than salvaged materials, was dealt with at the Pulverisation Plant at Carsons Road.

FOOD INSPECTION

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1970

Category	No. of Premises	No. complying with Reg. 18	N. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies	No. Complying with Reg. 21
Catering Estabs. (inc. school canteens, pubs, cafes, factory canteens	40	40	40	40
Food factories	3	3	3	3
General provision shops	69	69	69	69
Confectionary shops & bakehouse	16	16	16	16
Fish friers & wet fish shops	10	10	10	10
Butchers & cooked meat shops	23	23	23	23

(Section 18 refers to the provision of wash hand basins and Regulation 21 to facilities for washing food and equipment).

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, SECTION 16

Sale of Ice Cream	67
Sale of meat products	14
	81

ICE CREAM AND MILK

Sampling continues to be performed by the County Health Inspector's Department.

FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED
(other than meat from Slaughterhouse)

Cooked meats and meat products	—	—	—
Canned meats	—	1	2
Other canned food	—	7	53
Frozen foods unsaleable due to cabinet breakdown	—	7	10

FOOD COMPLAINTS

A variety of food complaints were received during the year, and a selection is given below:—

1. A pound of shelled peanuts were found to contain a dead mouse. The Council authorised prosecution but the purchaser was not prepared to offer evidence.

2. A case of spaghetti was found to contain an excessive amount of tin. A further can with excess tin was found at the vendor's premises, and it was determined that the cans were old stock that should have been removed from sale. The complainant was unwilling to give formal evidence, but Regional Suppliers carried out an investigation to trace any remaining stock.

3. Chocolate coated biscuits appeared to be covered by small colonies of organisms. Analysis showed that the discoloured raised areas were "fat bloom" caused by storage at an unsuitably high temperature.

4. It was alleged that a joint of pork was tainted with disinfectant Investigation revealed that it had been necessary to disinfect an abattoir lavage, and that pigs had been admitted soon afterwards.

HOUSING

(a) Clearance Areas

No. of dwellings includtd in Clearance Areas	—

(b) Individual Unfit Dwellings

No. of dwellings the subject of Demolition Orders	—
No. of dwellings the subject of Closing Orders or Undertakings	4

(c) Individual Dwellings made fit

(1) Under Section 9 and 16 Housing Act	—
(2) Following formal Public Health Action	—
(3) Following informal action by Local Authority	8

Improvement Grants (Housing Act 1969)

(a) *Improvement Grants*

No. of applications received	47
No. of applications approved	50
No. of grants paid	48
Amount	£29,320

(b) *Standard Grants*

No. of applications received	4
No. of applications approved	4
No. of grants paid	10
Amount	£414

Grants paid were double those paid in the preceeding year.

Qualification Certificates

(a) *Improvement Cases*

No. of certificates of provisional approval issued	—
No. of qualification certificates issued	—

(b) *Standard amenities already provided*

No. of qualification certificates issued	—

New Houses Erected

(a) No. of houses erected by Local Authority	Nil
(b) By private development	77

Rent Act 1957

(a) No. of applications received	—
(b) No. of certificates of Disrepair issued	—

Overcrowding

(a) No. of cases reported	—
(b) No. of cases relieved	—

CARAVAN SITES

The Council owned caravan site was closed and flats have been erected on the land.

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Properties other than sewers:	Type of Property Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(1) Number of properties in District	10,700	6
(2a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	135	—
(2b) Numbers infected by:—		
(i) rats	54	—
(ii) mice	81	—
(3a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	—	—
(3b) Numbers infected by:		
(i) rats	—	—
(ii) mice	—	—

The Rodent Operator at Warmley continued to deal with complaints. It was necessary to use the Contract company for a short period.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of premises receiving inspection during the year
Offices	1	44	2
Retail Shops	2	160	12
Wholesale shops & warehouses	—	8	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens etc.	1	5	1
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—

Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises was 34.

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises

Class of Workplace	No. of persons
Offices	334
Retail Shops	731
Wholesale shops and Warehouses	32
Catering establishments	34
Canteens	9
Fuel Storage Depots	—
Total	1,140
Total males	465
Total females	675

AIR POLLUTION

It was not found necessary to take any formal action for emissions of smoke during the year.

NOISE ABATEMENT

A number of noise complaints were dealt with informally.

NUMBER OF VISITS

Caravans and Moveable Dwellings	7
Clean Air	52
Cleansing and Salvage	14
Drainage	165
Factories (Non-Mechanical)	—
Factories (Mechanical)	5
Food Premises, Registered	23
Food Premises, non registered	51
Dwelling Houses (Housing Act)	162
Dwelling Houses (Public Health Act)	310
Other Premises (Public Health Act)	156
Improvement Grants	840
Infectious Disease	183
Noise	45
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	48
Petroleum	69
Hairdressers	—
Meat Inspection	—
Shops Act	1
Outworkers	—
Building Sites	—
Miscellaneous	201

MANGOTSFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Because of the natural run-down of new housing schemes pending Reorganisation of Local Government from April 1974, very little extensions to the sewerage system were made.

No major problems of flooding in the system occured during the year and generally the position can be said to have been satisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION

For most of the year the refuse collection service was well maintained but towards the end of 1973 collections were often delayed because of the continual breakdown of collection vehicles and the inability to hire suitable vehicles for a period of several weeks. Happily the position resolved itself by the end of the year.

FOOD INSPECTION

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS (1970)

Routine inspections to ensure the maintenance of the standards laid down in these regulations continued throughout the year. The number of premises involved is as follows:—

	No. of Premises	No. complying with Reg. 18	No. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies	No. complying with with Reg. 21
Catering Establishments: (inc. school canteens, pubs, cafes, factory canteens)	24	24	14	14
Food factories	—	—	—	—
General Provision shops	32	32	28	28
Confectionary shops and bakehouses	10	10	6	6
Fish friers and wet fish shops	10	10	10	10
Butchers and Cooked Meat Shops	18	18	11	11

(Section 18 refers to the provision of wash hand basins and Section 21 to facilities for washing food and equipment).

Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955

(1)	Sale of Ice Cream	54
(2)	Cooked Meat Products	17

FOOD COMPLAINTS

Ice Cream	28 lbs.
Fish	128 lbs.
Jellied Veal	16 lbs.
Tongue	4 lbs.
Vegetables	1224 lbs.
Fruit Juice	40 lbs.
Meat Products	618 lbs.

There were 6 refrigerator breakdowns in shops, resulting in foodstuffs being rendered unfit for human consumption; other foods were condemned following a request by traders. It was not necessary to exercise formal seizure of any food offered for sale.

All contaminated food is collected by the Council's refuse collectors and disposed of at the refuse tip.

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Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	438	30	16	2469	5880
Number inspected	438	30	16	2469	5880
All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	5	—	1	6	16
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	130	8	—	80	218
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	30.82	2.4	6.25	3.48	3.98
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis					
Carcasses of which some part or Organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING

(a) Clearance Areas

No. of dwellings included in Clearance Areas	Nil

(b) Inividual Unfit Dwellings

No. of dwellings the subject of Demolition Orders	Nil
No. of dwellings the subject of Closing Orders or undertakings	6

(c) Individual Dwellings made fit

(1) Under section 9 and 16 Housing Act	Nil
(2) Following formal Public Health action	5
(3) Following informal action by local authority	5

Improvement Grants

(a) *Discretionary Grants*

No. of applications received	75
No. of applications	75
No. of grants paid	69
Amount	£25,493.00

(b) *Standard Grants*

No. of applications received	8
No. of applications approved	8
No. of grants paid	11
Amount	£923.00

New Houses Erected

(a) No. of houses erected by local authority — 69 flats.
(b) By private development — 25 houses and 8 flats.

Rent Act 1957

(a) No. of applications received	Nil
(b) No. of certificates of disrepair issued	Nil

Overcrowding

(a) No. of cases reported	Nil
(b) No. of cases relieved	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1969 — QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

The Act placed responsibility on the local authority for issuing Certificates of Provisional Approval and Qualification Certificates. The Certificates are issued to certify that houses are in possession of all the standard amenities and genarally in a good state of repair, or will be so after certain works have been carried out.

During the year 2 Provisional Certificates and 7 Qualification Certificates were issued.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The general standard of premises to which the Act applies is high.

There have been a number of minor accidents reported throughout the year but no serious accidents. It was not necessary to take formal proceedings in respect of contraventions.

Class of Premises	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	4	43	—
Retail Shops	4	135	—
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	2	4	2
Catering establishments open	—	16	12
TOTALS	10	198	14

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered Premises 84

Analysis by, workplace of persons employed in registered premises at end of year.

Offices	458
Retail Shops	718
Whoesale Departments, warehouses	103
Catering establishments open to the public	84
Canteens	6
Total	1,369
Total Males	508
Total Females	861

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Class of Premises	Type of Property Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in District	8193	3
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby properties) inspected following notification	310	—
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	74	—
(ii) Mice	56	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	2720	—
(b) Number infested by:		
(i) Rats	10	—
(ii) Mice	15	—

These figures show a substantial reduction from the 1972 total in the number of houses visited as a matter of routine. This was due to the retirement of the Council's full time Rodent Operator in July 1973. An outside firm of contractors was then engaged on a temporary basis to 31st March, 1974, the date on which Local Government reorganisation will take effect.

CARAVANS AND CAMPING SITES

There is only one permanent Caravan Site in the district at Cleeve Wood Road, and this was maintained in a very Satisfactory condition throughout the year. There are no camping sites within the Urban Area.

HEALTH EDUCATION

During the year 4 talks on environmental health were given to various organisations and there appears to be no lack of interest on the part of the organisations for such talks. As usual the most interest was shown in the New Improvement Grants Scheme.

AIR POLLUTION

The only complaints regarding air pollution were received in respect of burning bonfires, during the summer months, particularly during the evenings. Such nuisances were easily remedied by an informal approach to those responsible for the fires and it was not necessary to take any further action.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS, SOUNDWELL

The standard of the baths water was maintained at a very high level throughout the year, and no problems arose as far as the free chlorine and Ph content were concerned.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS, ETC.

Accumulations	1
Bakehouses	6
Dairies	3
Drainage — Houses	10
— Other	4
Factories	12
Food Premises	350
Houses — dirty or verminous	1
Houses (Public Health Act)	34
Housing, Inspections	160
Improvement Grants	860
Rats & Mice	3
Shops	267
Slaughterhouses	441
Sewers	2
Infectious Disease Visits	116
Interviews	1168
Meetings, Council etc.	40
Miscellaneous	320
Swimming Baths	6
Lectures and Talks	2
Caravans	2
Food Vans	1
Smoke Nuisance (Domestic)	8
Office, Shops & Railway Premises	28
Noise nuisances	4

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